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概要

Recently the author notices that the stability dimension obtained in [1] and [12] can be improved by using the truncated simplicial resolutions invented by J. Mostovoy [15]. The purpose of this note is to announce these improvements.

1 Introduction.

We consider the homotopy types of spaces of algebraic (rational) maps from real projective space $\mathbb{R}P^m$ into the complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^m$ for $2 \leq m \leq 2n$. It is known in [1] that the inclusion of the space of rational (or regular) maps into the space of all continuous maps is a homotopy equivalence. These results combined with those of [1] can be formulated as a single statement about $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence between these spaces, where the $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action is induced by the complex conjugation. This is also one of the generalizations of a theorem of [9], and it is already published in [12]. Recently the author notices that the stability dimensions given in [1] and [12] can be improved by using the truncated simplicial resolutions invented by J. Mostovoy [15]. In this note we shall announce about these improvements (cf. [2]).

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1.1 Definitions and notations.

Let \mathbb{K} denote one of the fields \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} of real or complex numbers and let $d(\mathbb{K}) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{K} = 1$ if $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ and 2 if $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$. Let m and n be positive integers such that $1 \leq m < d(\mathbb{K}) \cdot (n+1) - 1$. We choose $\mathbf{e}_m^{\mathbb{K}} = [1 : 0 : \cdots : 0] \in \mathbb{K}P^m$ as the base point of $\mathbb{K}P^n$. For $d(\mathbb{K}) \leq m < d(\mathbb{K}) \cdot (n+1) - 1$, we denote by $\text{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ the space consisting of all based maps $f : (\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbf{e}_m^{\mathbb{R}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}P^n, \mathbf{e}_n^{\mathbb{K}})$, and by $\text{Map}_{\epsilon}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$, where $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Z}/2 = \{0, 1\} = \pi_0(\text{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n))$, the corresponding path component of $\text{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$. Similarly, let $\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ denote the space of all free maps $f : \mathbb{R}P^m \rightarrow \mathbb{K}P^n$ and $\text{Map}_{\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ the corresponding path component of $\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$.

We shall use the symbols z_i when we refer to complex valued coordinates or variables or when we refer to complex and real valued ones at the same time while the notation x_i will be restricted to the purely real case.

A map $f : \mathbb{R}P^m \rightarrow \mathbb{K}P^n$ is called a *algebraic map of the degree d* if it can be represented as a rational map of the form $f = [f_0 : \cdots : f_n]$ such that $f_0, \cdots, f_n \in \mathbb{K}[z_0, \cdots, z_m]$ are homogeneous polynomials of the same degree d with no common *real* roots except $\mathbf{0}_{m+1} = (0, \cdots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$.

We denote by $\text{Alg}_d(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ (resp. $\text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$) the space consisting of all (resp. based) algebraic maps $f : \mathbb{R}P^m \rightarrow \mathbb{K}P^n$ of degree d . It is easy to see that there are inclusions $\text{Alg}_d(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n) \subset \text{Map}_{[d]_2}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ and $\text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n) \subset \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$, where $[d]_2 \in \mathbb{Z}/2 = \{0, 1\}$ denotes the integer d mod 2. Let $A_d(m, n)(\mathbb{K})$ denote the space consisting of all $(n+1)$ -tuples $(f_0, \cdots, f_n) \in \mathbb{K}[z_0, \cdots, z_m]^{n+1}$ of homogeneous polynomials of degree d with coefficients in \mathbb{K} and without non-trivial common real roots (but possibly with non-trivial common *complex* ones).

Let $A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \subset A_d(m, n)(\mathbb{K})$ be the subspace consisting of $(n+1)$ -tuples $(f_0, \cdots, f_n) \in A_d(m, n)(\mathbb{K})$ such that the coefficient of z_0^d in f_0 is 1 and 0 in the other f_k 's ($k \neq 0$). Then there is a natural surjective projection map

$$\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}} : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n).$$

For $m \geq 2$ and $g \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^{m-1}, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ a fixed algebraic map, we denote

by $\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g)$ and $F(m, n; g)$ the spaces defined by

$$\begin{cases} \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) &= \{f \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) : f|_{\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}} = g\}, \\ F^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) &= \{f \in \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) : f|_{\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}} = g\}. \end{cases}$$

Note that there is a homotopy equivalence $F^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^m \mathbb{KP}^n$. Let $A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \subset A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n)$ denote the subspace given by

$$A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) = (\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}})^{-1}(\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g)).$$

Observe that if an algebraic map $f \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n)$ can be represented as $f = [f_0 : \cdots : f_n]$ for some $(f_0, \dots, f_n) \in A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n)$ then the same map can also be represented as $f = [\tilde{g}_m f_0 : \cdots : \tilde{g}_m f_n]$, where $\tilde{g}_m = \sum_{k=0}^m z_k^2$. So there is an inclusion

$$\text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) \subset \text{Alg}_{d+2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n)$$

and we can define the *stabilization map* $s_d : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \rightarrow A_{d+2}^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n)$ by $s_d(f_0, \dots, f_n) = (\tilde{g}_m f_0, \dots, \tilde{g}_m f_n)$.

It is easy to see that there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) & \xrightarrow{s_d} & A_{d+2}^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \\ \Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}} \downarrow & & \Psi_{d+2}^{\mathbb{K}} \downarrow \\ \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) & \xrightarrow{\subset} & \text{Alg}_{d+2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) \end{array}$$

A map $f \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n)$ is called an algebraic map of *minimal degree* d if $f \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) \setminus \text{Alg}_{d-2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n)$. It is easy to see that if $g \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}, \mathbb{KP}^n)$ is an algebraic map of minimal degree d , then the restriction

$$\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}}|_{A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g)} : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g)$$

is a homeomorphism. Let

$$\begin{cases} i_{d, \mathbb{K}} : \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) \hookrightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n) \\ i'_{d, \mathbb{K}} : \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \hookrightarrow F(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^m \mathbb{KP}^n \end{cases}$$

denote the inclusions and let

$$i_d^{\mathbb{K}} = i_{d, \mathbb{K}} \circ \Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}} : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n).$$

be the natural projection.

1.2 The case $m = 1$.

First, recall the following old result for the case $m = 1$.

Theorem 1.1 ([10], [20] (cf. [13])). *Let $n \geq 2$ and $d \geq 1$ be integers.*

- (i) *If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ and $m = 1$, the map $i_d^{\mathbb{R}} : A_d^{\mathbb{R}}(1, n) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^1, \mathbb{RP}^n) \simeq \Omega S^n$ is a homotopy equivalence up to dimension $D_1(d, n)$, where $D_1(d, n)$ denotes the integer given by $D_1(d, n) = (d+1)(n-1) - 1$. Moreover, if $n \geq 3$ or $n = 2$ with $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, there is a homotopy equivalence $A_d^{\mathbb{R}} \simeq J_d(\Omega S^n)$, where $J_d(\Omega S^n)$ denotes the d -th stage James filtration of ΩS^n given by*

$$J_d(\Omega S^n) = S^{n-1} \cup e^{2(n-1)} \cup e^{3(n-1)} \cup \dots \cup e^{d(n-1)} \subset \Omega S^n.$$

- (ii) *If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ and $m = 1$, the map $i_d^{\mathbb{C}} : A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(1, n) \rightarrow \Omega S^{2n+1}$ is a homotopy equivalence up to dimension $D_1(d, 2n+1) = 2n(d+1) - 1$ and there is a homotopy equivalence $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(1, n) \simeq J_d(\Omega S^{2n+1})$.*

Remark. (i) A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a *homotopy* (resp. a *homology*) *equivalence up to dimension D* if $f_* : \pi_k(X) \rightarrow \pi_k(Y)$ (resp. $f_* : H_k(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(Y, \mathbb{Z})$) is an isomorphism for any $k < D$ and an epimorphism for $k = D$. Similarly, it is called a *homotopy* (resp. a *homology*) *equivalence through dimension D* if $f_* : \pi_k(X) \rightarrow \pi_k(Y)$ (resp. $f_* : H_k(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(Y, \mathbb{Z})$) is an isomorphism for any $k \leq D$.

(ii) Let G be a finite group and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a G -equivariant map. Then a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a *G -equivariant homotopy* (resp. *homology*) *equivalence up to dimension D* if for each subgroup $H \subset G$ the induced homomorphism $f_*^H : \pi_k(X^H) \rightarrow \pi_k(Y^H)$ (resp. $f_*^H : H_k(X^H, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(Y^H, \mathbb{Z})$) is an isomorphism for any $k < D$ and an epimorphism for $k = D$.

Similarly, it is called a *G -equivariant homotopy* (resp. *homology*) *equivalence through dimension D* if for each subgroup $H \subset G$ the induced homomorphism $f_*^H : \pi_k(X^H) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_k(Y^H)$ (resp. $f_*^H : H_k(X^H, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_k(Y^H, \mathbb{Z})$) is an isomorphism for any $k \leq D$.

The complex conjugation on \mathbb{C} naturally induces the $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action on $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n)$ and S^{2n+1} , where we identify S^{2n+1} with the space

$$S^{2n+1} = \{(w_0, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \sum_{k=0}^n |w_k|^2 = 1\}.$$

It is easy to see that $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n)^{\mathbb{Z}/2} = A_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m, n)$ and $(i_d^{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathbb{Z}/2} = i_d^{\mathbb{R}}$. Hence, we also have:

Corollary 1.2 ([10]). *If $n \geq 2$ and $d \geq 1$ are integers, the map $i_d^{\mathbb{C}} : A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(1, n) \rightarrow \Omega S^{2n+1}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence up to dimension $D_1(d, n)$.*

2 The case $m \geq 2$.

2.1 The improvements of the stability dimensions.

For a space X , let $F(X, r)$ denote the configuration space of distinct r points in X given by $F(X, r) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in X^r : x_i \neq x_j \text{ if } i \neq j\}$. The symmetric group S_r of r letters acts on $F(X, r)$ freely by permuting coordinates. Let $C_r(X)$ be the configuration space of unordered r -distinct points in X given by the orbit space $C_r(X) = F(X, r)/S_r$.

It is known ([8], [18]) that there are the stable homotopy equivalence and the isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\begin{cases} \Omega^m S^{m+l} \simeq_s \bigvee_{r=1}^{\infty} D_r(\mathbb{R}^m; S^l) & (\text{stable homotopy equivalence}) \\ H_k(D_r(\mathbb{R}^m, S^l), \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_{k-rl}(C_r(\mathbb{R}^m), (\pm\mathbb{Z})^{\otimes r}) & (k, l \geq 1), \end{cases}$$

where we set $\bigwedge^r X = X \wedge \dots \wedge X$ (r times), $X_+ = X \cup \{*\}$ ($*$ is the disjoint base point), and $D_r(\mathbb{R}^m, S^l) = F(\mathbb{R}^m, r)_+ \wedge_{S_r} (\bigwedge^r S^l)$.

Let $G_{m,N;k}^M$ and $D_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n)$ be the abelian group and the positive in-

teger defined by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_{m,N;k}^M = \bigoplus_{r=1}^M H_{k-(N-m)r}(C_r(\mathbb{R}^m), (\pm\mathbb{Z})^{\otimes(N-m)}), \\ D_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n) = \begin{cases} (n-m)(\lfloor \frac{d+1}{2} \rfloor + 1) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, d \leq 3, \\ (n-m)d - 2 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, d \geq 4, \\ (2n-m+1)(\lfloor \frac{d+1}{2} \rfloor + 1) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, d \leq 3, \\ (2n-m+1)d - 2 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, d \geq 4, \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$$

where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the integer part of a real number x . Note that there is an isomorphism $H_k(\Omega^m S^{m+l}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong G_{m,m+l;k}^\infty$ for any $k \geq 1$.

Then we have the following results.

Theorem 2.1 (cf. [1]). *Let $2 \leq m < n$ and let $g \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}, \mathbb{RP}^n)$ be an algebraic map of minimal degree d .*

- (i) *The inclusion $i'_{d,\mathbb{R}} : \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m, n; g) \rightarrow F^{\mathbb{R}}(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^m S^n$ is a homotopy equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ if $m+2 \leq n$ and a homology equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ if $m+1 = n$.*
- (ii) *For any $k \geq 1$, $H_k(\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m, n; g), \mathbb{Z})$ contains the subgroup $G_{m,n;k}^d$ as a direct summand. Moreover, the induced homomorphism $i'_{d,\mathbb{R}*} : H_k(\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m, n; g), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(\Omega^m S^n, \mathbb{Z})$ is an epimorphism for any $k \leq (n-m)(d+1) - 1$.*

Theorem 2.2 (cf. [1]). *If $2 \leq m < n$ are positive integers,*

$$i_d^{\mathbb{R}} : A_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{RP}^n)$$

is a homotopy equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ if $m+2 \leq n$ and a homology equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ if $m+1 = n$.

Theorem 2.3 (cf. [12]). *Let $2 \leq m \leq 2n$, and let $g \in \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}, \mathbb{CP}^n)$ be an algebraic map of minimal degree d .*

- (i) *The inclusion $i'_{d,\mathbb{C}} : \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g) \rightarrow F^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^m S^{2n+1}$ is a homotopy equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d; m, n)$ if $m < 2n$ and a homology equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d; m, n)$ if $m = 2n$.*

- (ii) For any $k \geq 1$, $H_k(\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g), \mathbb{Z})$ contains the subgroup $G_{m, 2n+1; k}^d$ as a direct summand. Moreover, the induced homomorphism $i'_{d, \mathbb{C}*} : H_k(\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(\Omega^m S^{2n+1}, \mathbb{Z})$ is an epimorphism for any $k \leq (2n - m + 1)(d + 1) - 1$.

Theorem 2.4 (cf. [12]). If $2 \leq m \leq 2n$ are positive integers,

$$i_d^{\mathbb{C}} : A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{CP}^n)$$

is a homotopy equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d; m, n)$ if $m < 2n$ and a homology equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d; m, n)$ if $m = 2n$.

Note that the complex conjugation on \mathbb{C} naturally induces $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -actions on the spaces $\text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g)$ and $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n)$ as before. In the same way it also induces a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action on \mathbb{CP}^n and this action extends to actions on the spaces $\text{Map}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, S^{2n+1})$ and $\text{Map}_{\epsilon}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{CP}^n)$, where we identify $S^{2n+1} = \{(w_0, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \sum_{k=0}^n |w_k|^2 = 1\}$ and regard \mathbb{RP}^m as a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -space with the trivial $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action.

Corollary 2.5 (cf. [12]). Let $2 \leq m \leq 2n$, $d \geq 1$ be positive integers and $g \in \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{RP}^{m-1}, \mathbb{CP}^n)$ be a fixed algebraic map of the minimal degree d .

- (i) If $m < 2n$, the inclusion map $i'_{d, \mathbb{C}} : \text{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g) \rightarrow F^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^m S^{2n+1}$ is a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$.
- (ii) If $m = 2n$, the above inclusion map $i'_{d, \mathbb{C}}$ is and a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homology equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$.
- (iii) The map $i_d^{\mathbb{C}} : A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{CP}^n)$ is a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence through dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ if $m < 2n$ and a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homology equivalence through the same dimension $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ if $m = 2n$.

2.2 Conjectures.

Finally we report several related questions.

Conjecture 2.6. Is the projection $\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}} : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n)$ a homotopy equivalence?

Let $\hat{D}_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n)$ denote the integer given by

$$\hat{D}_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n) = \begin{cases} (n - m)(d + 1) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \\ (2n - m + 1)(d + 1) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}. \end{cases}$$

Conjecture 2.7. *Is the map $i_d^{\mathbb{K}} : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{RP}^m, \mathbb{KP}^n)$ a homotopy (or homology) equivalence up to dimension $\hat{D}_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n)$?*

Remark. The above conjectures are correct if $m = 1$.

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